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Laval Ousted as Petain Aide; R. A. F. Blasts Reported in Custody in Vichy; Italian Bases Flandin Is Appointed Successor And Troops

In Relations With Reich, Chief Says

BULLETIN.

VICHY, France, Dec. 14 .-Pierre Laval resigned today from the government of France and,

by decree, his rights of succession to chief of state were abolished. Marshal Philippe Petain, the chief of state, declared in a radio speech tonight that M. Laval, who has been both Vice Premier and Foreign Minister, now is no longer a part of the government because of "the interest of the

Pierre-Etienne Flandin was appointed to succeed him as For-

eign Minister. "It is for high reasons of interior policy that I am resolved to take this decision," said the old marshal. "It will make no difference in our relations with

It was M. Laval, the constant appeaser, who initiated postarmistice collaboration with Hitler by defeated France.

Marshal Petain continued: "I remain at the helm. The national revolution continues." An official commentary reiterated that Laval left the government only for "interior political motives" and that Petain will now give a more unified character to

his government. The commentary also said that Petain had notified Adolf Hitler of Flandin's nomination and that he appeared "more apt" than

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 14.-Authoritatively diplomatic sources reported today that Vice Premier Pierre Laval of the French government at Vichy had tendered his resignation to Premier Petain. It was not at once learned if the resig-

nation had been accepted. The same report said that M. R. A. F. Planes Blast
Laval had been placed in custody and that the Petain government had been meeting all day, discussing choice of a successor who would be choice of a successor who would be acceptable to the Germans on one nand and Marshal Petain and Gen

Maxime Weygant on the other. M. Laval is the foremost proponent of French-German collaboration. Gen. Weygand is supreme military commander for Vichy in

North Africa. Shortly before the receipt in Bern of news of M. Laval's resignation, telephone communciation between Switzerland and Vichy had been cut without . explanation.

Just before the interruption, the Associated Press bureau here was in brief contact with the Vichy bureau and heard only the words "something big is coming up" before the connection was broken.

M. Laval has been a sort of agent between the Vichy government and Germany. On October 24, before a long interview with Adolf Hitler, he said he believed democracy was dead in all the modern world and that he was prepared to stake France's future upon collaboration with Germany. He gave a strong impression at that time that in connection with that "collaboration" he earnestly hoped for the defeat of England.

Refugee Ship Disaster **Dead Toll Rises to 223**

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 14.-The death list from the capsizing of a Jewish refugee ship on a reef in the Sea of Marmora mounted to 223 today and officials said about onehalf of the bodies had been re-

100-ton wooden vessel huddled in temporary camps near the shore. The White Russian captain of the ship, who was detained pending an investigation, said he had been sailing in Turkish waters since 1917. Nearly 400 passengers boarded the boat at Varna, Bulgaria, including Rumanian, Polish, Czech and Ger-

Survivors of the wreck of the

\$750 for a passage with the guarantee that they would be landed in A physician who headed the ex-

rived here from Athens, has been

appointed Greek Military Attache at

Washington and will leave shortly

by trans-Atlantic clipper on what

he termed a "special important

Germans' Big Guns Shell

LONDON, Dec. 14.—German long-

Dover Strait for Hour

nearly an hour this afternoon.

By the Associated Press.

By the Associated Press.

pedition was among the victims. Greek Colonel Named Military Attache Here

was lit up by two fires and overhung Oslofjord Struck Mine, by swirling clouds of smoke.'

Britain virtually at peace. LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 14.-Col. E. Papvassiliou, formerly of the a few points on the east coast of day the 18,000-ton Norwegian liner

Makes No Difference Vague Rumors in Greece Say Bruno Mussolini Has Been Killed

Duce's Son Is Reported Shot Down in Fascist Air Raid

BULLETIN. ROME (A).-An authoritative source, replying to foreign reports that Bruno Mussolini, son

of Il Duce, had been shot down in an air fight over Greece or Albania, said tonight that he was safe and on duty at an air base in Southern Italy.

By LELAND STOWE,

Chicago Daily News Foreign Correspondent. ATHENS, Dec. 14.—According to vague but persistent ramors, Bruno Mussolini, eldest son of the man whose command launched Italy's invasion of Greece, was shot down and killed in one of the Fascist raids on Salonika at the beginning of November. More recently, another unconfirmable report of a similar nature has been circulated in regard to an aerial encounter

over Southern Albania. either of these rumors may not be along. known until after the war.

What is told about the Salonika raid is highly circumstantial, althrough interesting. Some people insist that the headless body of a young Italian officer was found in the wreckage of a three-engined Cant bomber and the breast of the man's uniform was covered with an extraordinary number of decora-

It is also said that the dead aviphysique resembled pictures of Premier Mussolini's son. According to one version. Italian flyers who were burst upward, "unfolding like a captured about the same time re-



may or may not be one of those un-Since positive identification certain wartime narratives which proved impossible, the truth about gets embroidered as it is passed Tmimi and Bomba, the R. A. F. re-

> These rumors do, however, recall that neither Bruno Mussolini, nor his brother, Vittorio, both of whom served in the air force in Ethiopia, ever gained as much fame for their aerial exploits as Vittorio gained notoriety for his effusive description

of one of his first bombing attacks. He described the effect of a bomb dropped in the midst of a group of Ethiopian horsemen armed with ator's broad shoulders and strong rifles and knives. The explosion created a magnificent spectacie, he said, as a great crimson mass below

Liner Is Reported Bordeaux Also Target Torpedoed Off Eire

All British Aircraft Back Safely From Raids, Air Ministry Says

LONDON, Dec. 14.—British bombtensive raids during the night, the Air Ministry announced today. Heavy assaults were launched, a

lands and on the Nazi submarine base at Bordeaux, in the occupied region of France. All the British aircraft returned safely from the raids, which were carried out in adverse weather, the

ministry said. An Air Ministry news service account said incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on Bremen, despite heavy clouds. Bombers were detailed to attack the railway, factories and ware-

After the bombs were dropped, the "glow of strong fires penetrated and lit up the clouds," the news service

Docks Reported Raided. At Kiel, docks and shipyards were

reported to have been raided and the news service said "our pilots made certain that heavy bombs fell in the target area. The attack on the Bordeaux U-

boat base was described as "a short destructive raid with heavy bombs" which started two fires and caused "The first pilot to go in got a hit on the big quayside building," the

ministry said. "His observer saw a armed merchant cruiser Forfar-bealong the dock wall lasting for 15 man Jews. Survivors said each paid "The later stages of the raid were even more spectacular. A great explosion near the gates of the dock

was followed by a dozen others along the edge of the basin. "When the coastal command pilot turned for home the submarine base

Meanwhile German raiders left Germans Believe A government communique said

10,926-Ton British

Mine May Have Caused Oslofjord Sinking, **Germans Declare**

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Mackay ers blasted the German naval base Radio reported today it had interat Kiel and attacked Bremen in in- cepted a message from the Port patrick, Scotland, radio station that the 10,926-ton British liner Western Prince had been torpedoed about communique said, on German air- 400 miles northwest of the Irish dromes and docks in the Nether- coast at 2:02 a.m., E. S. T.

> A passenger vessel, she was recently in the New York-South American run and was last reported in Rio de Janeiro on September 19. She made several trips from Liverpool to New York, carrying war

> Norwegian liner Oslofjord—chartered to the British for troop service—by a mine off the coast of England was learned by New York Maritime sources The British Admiralty at the same time announced the loss of the

fused to identify the body. This (Copyright, 1940, Chicago Daily News, Inc.)

The 496-foot Western Prince, with London as her home port, was built in 1929 at Glasgow and is owned by the Prince Line, Ltd., and managed by Furness, Withy & Co.

refugees, including many children. When Capt. John Reed, master of the Western Prince, docked the vessel here November 22, he disclosed that another ship had been bombed 50 miles from his, and remarked, "the danger these days is from overhead. In the last war, I

was torpedoed and survived.' The torpedoing of the Western Prince followed a triple blow against British shipping yesterday. The destruction of the 18.673-ton

succession of brilliant blue flashes lieved by shipping men to be either the 19,671-ton Scythia, or the Cameronia, 16,297 tons. Mackay Radio also picked up a message yesterday from the British

Orari, a 10,350-ton refrigerated motorship carrying Australian beef, 750 miles west of Brest, France.

BERLIN, Dec. 14 (AP).-DNB. offi-Nazi bombers did some damage at cial German news agency, said to-Greek general staff, who recently ar- | England and injured "a small num- | Oslofjord, reported sunk while en

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 14.—An un-ceasing R. A. F. bombardment and machine-gun strafing of Italian landing fields, supply depots, transport and troops was reported today by the British in their grand assault to clear the Egyptian sands of the Fascist invaders. A military spokesman said he could not confirm reports that the pursuit of the Italians already had resulted in the recapture of Salum, 7 miles inside the Egyptian border. or that Fort Capuzzo, in Libya itself,

Whether the British intend to keep on chasing the Italians within Libya was a question no authority would discuss. Were such a course pursued, the only objective, it was learned, would be destruction of the

Retreating Fascists

Strafed in British

Mopup in Egypt

s) the Associated Press.

Italian main army. Derna, Italian base more than 150 miles within adjacent Libya, was pounded by "several tons" of bombs last night, the R. A. F. communique reported. They fell on barracks, wireless stations and other military buildings, it was said.

Bardia, Libya, also was attacked again, direct hits were scored on supply depots at Gubbi, Gambut, ported, and Gazala also was raided.

Fire Sprayed Into Troops. British fighting planes, mounting eight machine guns in their wings, were said to have swooped down on the Tobruk-Bardia road, in Libya, spraying fire into retreating troops. The communique said the planes

"took a heavy toll of the enemy." Land fighters, aided by this aerial assault since the British surprise offensive started five days ago, were reported today to be mopping up the Condenser Service & Engineertionary force as "a Christmas present for the folks back home. The advanced British units al-

ready may have driven a wedge into Yesterday, the British said, they shot down 15 Italian planes and lost four of their own Gladiator fighters.

The pilots of three of the latter were saved. Despite their job on the Egyptian front, the British flyers also raided several points in Italian East Africa. including the Eritrean port of Asmara. Direct hits were claimed on Caproni workships at Mai Adaga.

Reports from the sand-swept battle zone said fast-moving British advance units were keeping on the heels of retreating Italians, while the main British force relayed truck caravans of prisoners to the rear and consolidated its position against any possible counter-attack.

Battlefield Being Cleared.

A British communique said "clearance of the vast battlefield continues and the number of prisoners still pressed the Italians back. Italians were prisoners, though un-

official estimates ran higher, since the British have had difficulty counting the new ones. A British spokesman declared that there could be "very little" fighting still proceeding on the Egyptian side of the frontier. He

added that British advance forces were "going very well." Reliable British sources said last night that British casualties had been very light. Even the Italian

casualties, it was said, were not comparable to the 30,000 or more troops reported captured. Prisoner Tally Mounts.

The tally of prisoners mounted

hourly, making accurate count still impossible. The number captured was described as so great that the British were confronted with a major problem in feeding them and transporting them back into Egypt Along with its continuing job of smashing at Italians fleeing along the coastal road past Bardia and pounding Fascist reserve and supply York. bases important to any counter thrust, the British Navy helped in the transport of the prisoners.

British bombers kept at their work behind the Italian lines, and s correspondent for Reuters (British news agency) quoted returning pilots as saying that large fires were burning in Salum and long columns of (See EGYPT, Page A-3.)

Bulletin

Sites for four additional naval ordnance plants to cost approxi-mately \$35,000,000 were announced today by the Navy Department. Acting Secretary Forrestal said the plants would be located near Detroit, Canton, Ohio; Indianap-

Children Pile Santa's Bag High Fire Destroys Plant At Hoboken Busy On Defense Orders

One Employe Is Killed

In Factory Making Ship Equipment

HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 14.-Fire early today destroyed the plant of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's expedi- ing Corp., active in national defense orders, with a loss estimated by the to \$1,000,000. One man was killed. would be taken care of with toys. The dead man was tentatively this year than have been for a identified as George Jacobs of Jer- number of years. sey City, night watchman, who discovered the fire with four other the ticket of admission. But some

> body was found near the office. Olaf Anderson of North Bergen, plant executive, estimated the loss at \$1,000,000, including valuable wood

patterns and specially built machines being constructed to fill defense orders. Made Ship Equipment. H. C. Evans, company treasurer, said the million-dollar estimate was "much too high-about a tenth of

The company built turbines, con-

The plant was a one and twoa city square. The men working at the time

said they saw a flash near the ceiling shortly after 2 a.m. and the ceiling became ablaze. With Mr. Jacobs, they fought the fire, but when it got beyond their control they turned in the alarm. Flames Spread Rapidly. The flames spread rapidly through

the building, destroying the wooden patterns and a wood and tarpaper roof. Fire Chief John J. Gilday said his men were hampered by the presence of oxygen and aceytelene tanks, but no injuries were reported. He sounded a second alarm. The fire was brought under control after 6 o'clock. Streams of water had to be played

on a large fuel gas tank across the the conference's annual meeting street from the plant to prevent overheating. The plant, located in Hoboken sition.

about nine years, employed approximately 300 men. Working with Mr. Jacobs on the night shift were Paul Graetz and Maurice Straube of Jersey City, August Morris of West New York and Harry Hill of New

Wastebasket Tosser Acquitted by Jury By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, Dec. 14.-Loris La Roue, 31-year-old stenographer who tossed a metal wastebasket from an 18-story hotel window at the time of Wendell L. Willkie's presidential campaign visit here September 30, was acquitted of a felonious assault charge yesterday. A jury of nine women and three

men in Recorder's Court deliberated two hours and five minutes. Miss La Roue said she had acted in a "spirit of fun" and intended to

When his pictures were developed

When trees and grass are cut, the

chlorophyl-the coloring matter-

starts drying out. These R. A. F.

harm no one. The wastbasket struck a spectator in the crowd, in-

ows, trees and seashore.

In Attending 'Toy Matinees'

Many a Stocking in Needy Homes, Otherwise Empty, Now Can Be Filled

Thousands of Washington youngsters got together today to play Santa Claus on the grand scale. They flocked to the 12 Star-N. B. C.-Warner Bros. "toy matinees" in such numbers that the toys they brought soon over-

flowed the receptacles provided for them. Every toy they brought meant Christmas was coming to another needy child. And before the lights had dimmed for the "matinee" shows, theater managers were precompany spokesman at from \$100,000 dicting that more needy children For each child only one toy was

workmen, comprising the night shift of the youngsters brought several toys apiece. At the Colony Theater The other men said the watchman a 9-year-old boy lugged a shopping apparently had been going back into bag into the lobby with eight gifts. the plant office to obtain papers and was trapped by the flames. His much excitement out of giving the much excitement out of giving th toys as they would have out of finding them in their own Christmas stockings. It was a happy crowd of youngsters that filled the theaters this morning.

Today was the tenth annual "toy matinee" day, the tenth time the children of Washington have turned out to share their Christmas with (See CHRISTMAS, Page A-3.)

Christmas House, at Eleventh street and Pennsylvania avenue N.W., at any of the WMAL broadcasting periods, stop by to make a contribution and take part. Representatives of organizations can arrange to appear on one of the broadcasts by calling NAtional 5000 and asking for Christmas House.

densers and other equipment for Southern Conference Army Lets Contracts story building spreading over half Votes to Ask G. W. U. Totaling \$105,887,790 To Become Member For Ammunition

Proposal Would Go Into Effect September 1; **Action Unanimous**

By the Associated Press.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 14.-The Southern Conference voted today to invite George Washington Univer-sity of Washington to become a member of the organization effective next September 1.

The vote, as finally recorded at here, was unanimous. On the first ballot, two votes were cast in oppo-Admission of George Washington

will bring the conference back to its former strength of 16 members. It has been composed of only 15 members since the University of Virginia withdrew shortly after the conference approved in 1935 a proposal of President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina to de-emphasize football.

The stringent features of the socalled Graham plan were later modified.

Geary Epley of the University of ment will build and retain title to Maryland offered the motion to invite George Washington to become a cost-plus-fixed fee basis by the a member. It followed considerable discussion of the school's policies and athletic setup, details of which were explained by Max Farrington, G. W.'s director of athletics.

Before going into this matter the of its officers, which said satisfac- Ice on Wings Forces tory progress had been made during the past year.

(Earlier Story on Page A-15.)

R.A.F. Ace Tells How Bombers Blasted Parachute Invaders' Channel Hideout Some showed moving trains-oth

little waspish fighters are coming out, too. Then it is going to be a

Off they go toward France, growlook like a cloud of midges dancing against the sun. The Germans know what is coming before that cloud of warbirds bursts upon them. As the English go forward, infinitely high over the Channel ditch, the white clouds ahead seem to spew German the golden zenith, and with the full

ers minute gatherings of spots that were men on the march-others the

-pic- and perfect advantage from the sun

Christmas House Broadcasts If you're in the vicinity of

Tonight 8:45 to 9 P.M. Tomorrow

No broadcasts. Christmas House closed till 8:30 a.m. Monday. Come Monday or mail your

Plant at St. Louis To Employ 10,000 Persons Is Included

By the Associated Press. The War Department awarded contracts totaling \$105,887,790 today for small arms ammunition and for a new plant at St. Louis to produce the ammunition.

sented the largest single ordnance manufacturing project of the current rearmament program. The plant will be built on a 134acre site and employ from 10,000 to 12,000 persons when it starts produc-

Officials said the awards repre-

tion, nearly a year hence. The Western Cartridge Co., East Alton, Ill., was given a \$18,600,000 contract to supervise the layout engineering and construction of the plant and to procure equipment and supervise its installation. The United States Cartridge Co.

nition Contracts for actual construction will be awarded later. The Govern-

of Baltimore received an \$87,279,790

award for an initial order of ammu-

Baltimore concern. The plant is the second to be announced, another having been arranged for recently near Kansas City to be operated by the Remington Arms Co.

Pigeons to Ground

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 14.-Ice forming on their wings caused 15 pigeons to make "forced landings" n downtown Springfield yesterday Sympathetic merchants provided warmth and soon the birds were in the air again.

\$10.00 Reward To protect The Star

Carrier Service from newspaper thievery, The Evening Star offers a reward of \$10.00 for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing The Star Newspaper from carrier packs at the point of delivery, or from doorways or apartments after delivery. Any one detecting newspaper thieves should notify the police immediately.

The Evening Star

Lag in Rearming **Brings Pressure** For War Basis

THREE CENTS.

Knudsen Says All Is Not Well; Nelson Asks More Speed

(Text of Knudsen address on Page A-4.)

By JOHN C. HENRY. Increasing pressure to place America on a wartime industrial basis as a means of speeding our own defense program and our aid to Britain was seen developing today in

the wake of arresting disclosures of

the last 48 hours that both the per-

sonnel training and materiel production programs are lagging well below expectations. Most startling of the disclosures, perhaps, was submitted last night by William S. Knudsen, production chief of the National Defense Commission, to the effect that progress in "the front line" of producing defense equipment has not been "satisfactory enough to warrant hopes

that everything is all well." Scarcely 24 hours earlier Secretary of War Stimson had told a press conference that construction delays at 25 of 40 military camps being prepared for training men will force postponements up to 10 weeks in induction of part of the National Guard. A variety of causes was cited by the Secretary, among them unfavorable weather conditions, labor shortages, strikes and lack of

Nelson Asks More Speed.

And last night, too, another member of the Defense Commission, Donald Nelson, co-ordinator for procurement, sounded a call similar to that of Mr. Knudsen when he warned the Chicago Bankers' Club that although he saw "no reason for complaint on the basis of what has been done so far, it may have been a mistake to attempt rearmament through superimposing an emergency schedule on the Nation's normal economy.

any sense," he reminded his listen-ers. • • • The realities of today cry out for speed, speed and more speed. This means more work, more disturbance to normal processes, more sacrifice on the part of everybody. The development of bottlenecks in national unity, in national determination, in national effort to weld the entire strength of a free country into a cohesive force with a single dominant goal-national defense."

Knudsen Suggests War Basis.

Speaking before the National Association of Manufacturers in New York, Mr. Knudsen posed the ques-tion bluntly as to whether it is possible "to put the defense job on a war basis even if we are at peace." "The public generally is sold on defense. * * * But have the two most important elements, industry and side of the job?

"We have cut 20 per cent off our machine time. Can we afford to do this? Can't we stop this blackout, this lack of production from Friday to Monday, and get more out of the equipment? We can train the men to operate it."

Plane Output Below Estimates.

Revealing that airplane production estimates will have to be scaled down by 30 per cent from original hopes, the commissioner credited the machine tool industry with "working hard and well" but added: "The (airplane) engine companies

need equipment, in fact 29 per cent

of all unfilled machine tool orders

are for the aviation industry. "Frankly we are not doing anything compared to the forecast by the manufacturers and the commission in July and our hoped-for production figures of January 1, 1941, of 1,000 planes per month, have to be scaled down by 30 per cent.

"Guns and machine guns are still

in the tooling stage except for such

capacity as was ready before we started. "We all seem to be worrying about how we are going to divide the profits, without giving consideration to the fact that we ourselves have to furnish the price to buy the ma-terials with. We hear so much about all the things that ought to be fixed right now. We read resolutions from

every direction." Row Over Labor Policy. Meanwhile, a dispute was in progress between commission officials and the War Department over application of the stated labor policy for defense contracts. Arising out of the placing of a \$2,000,000 order (See DEFENSE, Page A-4.)

Son of Former Governor Killed by London Bomb By the Associated Press.

WEST BROOKFIELD, Mass., Dec. 14.—Paul C. Chamberlain, son of the late Gov. Daniel H. Chamberlain of South Carolina, and his wife were killed by a bomb in London last Sunday, according to word received by friends here today. Mr. Chamberlain, an artillery offi-

British citizen subsequently and was a member of the Home Guard of London at the time of his death. Details of the bombing were not given. He was a former summer resident here. Rail Traffic Interrupted

cer in the World War, became a

By Rumanian Oil Fire By the Associated Press. BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 14.

-A communique issued by the Rumanian railroad today said all traffic in the oil district between Ploesti and Buzau had either been suspended or rerouted because of the destruction of railroad lines over a bridge as a result of an oil pipeline The communique said the traffic

will be interrupted five or six days.

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GUIDE FOR READERS

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Amusements.

The writer of this dispatch is an ace pilot of the Royal Air Force who, as a racing flyer before the war, was a winner of the Schneider Trophy. By CAPT. H. C. BIARD.

range guns mounted on the French LONDON, Dec. 14 (N.A.N.A.).— We have all heard a lot of talk about coast shelled the Dover Strait for Adolf Hitler's "secret weapons" with The firing, resumed after a lull of several days, came at five-minute British Empire—he says. He really has such weapons and

with the pulverization.

Half a dozen times in November and December the Germans concentrated a lot of dangerous stuff just across the Channel. Each time the R. A. F. has dropped in with A-14-17 Serial Story A-6 some bouquets of forget-me-notsand "der tag" has had to be post-

Poland, Denmark, Norway, Holland, Belgium and France—one after the other went reeling beneath the iron heel of the invader through in a moment, as it seemed, they were then some, of his Scottish ancestry.

parachute troops. So Hitler, in the interim before his next performance (still billed as the invasion of England) has been re-equipping and building up to fantastic numbers his famous parachute regiments. troops were founded by Gen. Her-

mann Goering at Stendahl, between Berlin and Hanover, five years ago. A few picked officers worked with on the seashore. he is still doing his best to get on Franco's troops in Spain, in the "Condor Legion," and gained parachute experience under German efficiency. And then-nawar conditions. The strongest and ture blew the gaff! fittest soldiers in the German army were selected, in great secrecy, and trained for parachute attack.

other side of the Channel. All sorts of camouflage was used been before, composed of sawn-down trees carried there entire; vast

successes first gained by German | suddenly gathered at a spot on the | It looked quiet and normal—mead-

string nets were spread over a tremendous area, and covered with newly-cut grass, renewed each night at darkness; the men and their equipment were housed in big caves Everything was going splendidlya genuine triumph of painstaking

forest grew up where one had not still wet prints to a senior officer. "These look a little odd, sir," he remarked quietly. It was just that the woods and the meadows in the picture seemed a bit stained or faded. You and I would never have noticed any difference. But the expert knew.

experts know how to detect cut vegetation from growing stuff, just as British reconnaissance flyers who they know what looks like a tiny set off every hour of the day to take scratch on the film may be a tankroutine photographs of enemy ter- track. One hawk-face after another There came a day when the Nazis ritory are some of the bravest men examined these photos—and declared had brought their three parachute I know. One of these men slipped that the trees and grass were all regiments right up to strength with across the Channel and took pic- cut, and were obviously used as trained men, at the beginning of tures. He was an American lad camouflage. Camouflage for what? November, at a time when the "infrom California, Bill Kirk. He lived Other prints were restudied—pic-

to hide the concentration—a new the man who did them brought the insect-like shapes of tanks. Yes, it was a concentration of enemy troops at a time when we least expected Swift, curt orders travelled along were pushed out of their sheds. The